GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4090
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MISSING FISH PLATES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of clips fitted on the railway line were found missing in Sultanpuri area of North-West Delhi on February 22, 2003;

(b) if so, the number of persons held responsible and the action taken by the Government to apprehend the culprits; and

(c) the other steps taken by the Government to avert rail accidents caused due to missing/removal of clips/fish plates of the rail lines in view of the increase in such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) Yes, Sir. 32 Nos. elastic rail clips were found missing at Km 15/11-12 on Up line between Shakurbasti and Nangloi stations. This was noticed by Railway keyman during his daily inspection.

(b) FIR No. 3/2003 has been lodged on 22.2.03 with GRP/Delhi Kishanganj. Matter is under investigation.

(c) Railways are always taking necessary steps from its inception stage to develop such fittings and fastenings which require minimum maintenance and are less prone to theft/miscreant activities. Various actions taken are as under :-

(i) Use of welded rails has lead to reduction in number of fish plated joints.

(ii) Use of Elastic Fastening, Pandrol Clips,Rubber Pads etc. in place of dog spikes and M.S. Keysand thus reducing proneness to theft and lesser maintenance effort.

(iii) Use of Reverse Jaw Sleepers, in CST-9 territory, which prevents rail removal.

(iv) The design has been finalized for trial for anti theft fastening in the form of fish bolts and Elastic Rail Clip.

(v) Burring of two fish bolts at joints, one on each rail, on the vulnerable sections.